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Listing of claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (new): In a computer system comprising an author's computer having a memory for storing an electronic document, a method for reviewing and editing the electronic document, the method comprising:

receiving from the author's computer a copy of the electronic document having a first property identifying the location of the electronic document in the memory of the author's computer and indicating that the copy of the electronic document is to be reviewed;

in response to receiving the copy of the electronic document, opening the copy of the electronic document within an application program and displaying the copy of the electronic document on a display device;

checking whether a unique review identifier associated with the copy of the electronic document is included in a registry, wherein the presence of unique review identifier indicates that the copy of the electronic document is opened on the author's computer;

in response to detecting the first property with the application program and determining that the unique review identifier is not in the registry, displaying on the display device a review toolbar comprising selectable control elements corresponding to document review operations;

in response to user input, editing the copy of the electronic document to create an edited electronic document; and

sending the edited electronic document to the author's computer, said edited electronic document having said first property and the unique review identifier.

Claim 24 (new): The method of Claim 23, wherein the first property comprises a unique identification number identifying the location of the electronic document in the memory.

Claim 25 (new): The method in Claim 23, wherein the first property is a custom OLE document property.

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Claim 26 (new): The method of Claim 23, wherein the copy was received via electronic mail; and wherein the copy of the electronic document further comprises a second property indicating an electronic mail address from which the copy of the electronic document was sent.

Claim 27 (new): The method in Claim 27, wherein said second property is a custom OLE document property.

Claim 28 (new): The method of Claim 23, wherein the first property is created in response to attaching said electronic document to an electronic mail message.

Claim 29 (new): The method of Claim 23, wherein the first property is created in response to detecting that a selectable control element corresponding to the electronic document has been dragged into an electronic mail message body.

Claim 30 (new): The method of Claim 23, wherein the first property is created in response to detecting that a copy of the electronic document has been pasted into an electronic mail message body.

Claim 31 (new): The method in Claim 23, wherein the review toolbar is continuously displayed until in response to user input the review toolbar is removed from the display device.